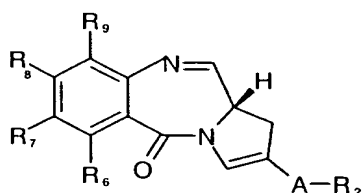


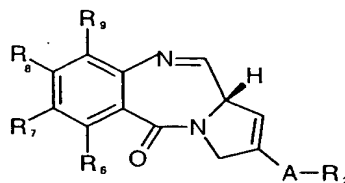
ABSTRACT

COMPOUNDS

5 Compounds of the formulae **Ia** and **Ib**:



(Ia)



(Ib)

wherein:

A is CH₂, or a single bond;

R₂ is selected from: R, OH, OR, CO₂H, CO₂R, COH, COR, SO₂R, CN;

R₆, R₇ and R₉ are independently selected from H, R, OH, OR, halo, amino, NHR, nitro, Me₃Sn;

and R₈ is selected from H, R, OH, OR, halo, amino, NHR, nitro, Me₃Sn,

where R is as defined above, or the compound is a dimer with each monomer being the same or different and being of formula **Ia** or **Ib**,

where the R₈ groups of the monomers form together a bridge having

the formula -X-R'-X- linking the monomers, where R' is an alkylene chain containing from 3 to 12 carbon atoms, which chain may be interrupted by one or more hetero-atoms and/or aromatic rings and may contain one or more carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and each X is independently selected from O, S, or N;

except that in a compound of formula **Ia** when A is a single bond,

then R₂ is not CH=CH(CONH₂) or CH=CH(CONMe₂). Other related

compounds are also disclosed.